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SUBJECT: EVACUATION NIGERIAN LABORERS FROM EQUATORIAL
GUINEA

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C.LAGOS 4900 (JUNE 4, 1974)

1. NIGERIAN PRESS CONTINUES REPORT EVACUATION NIGERIAN
LABORERS FROM FERNADO PO. GOEG AMBASSADOR HAS ATTEMPTED
WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS COUNTER MISTREATMENT STORIES. GOEG
RECRUITMENT COMMISSIONER IN CALABAR HAS IN EFFECT ACCEPTED
FMG'S ABROGATION LABOR TREATY BUT ADDED HE HAS NOT RPT NOT
RECEIVED NOTIFICATION SUCH ACTION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT.
APPARENTLY, FMG CANCELLED PALNS SEND DELEGATION TO EQUATORIAL
GUINEA TO DISCUSS TREATY.

2. "DAILY TIMES" SEPTEMBER 9 REPORTS THAT FMG HAS ORDERED
NIGERIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE MERCHANT VESSEL "EL KANEMI"
(AWAITING BERTH LAGOS SINCE APRIL) TO BE SENT FERNANDO PO
IMMEDIATELY. SHIP IS TO EVACUATE "ALL" NIGERIAN LABORERS IN
TWELVE TRIPS AT ONE THOUSAND PASSENGERS PER VOYAGE. LAGOS
PORT AUTHORITIES EXPECT SHIP BE READY LEAVE FOR EQUATORIAL
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GUINEA MIDDLE NEX TWEK.

3. COMMENT: SEEMS APPARENT THAT NEW LEADERSHIP FMG WANTS
ACT DECISIVELY AND PROMPTLY ON THIS MATTER EVEN AT POSSIBLE
EXPENSE OF DAMAGING RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO NATIONS. FMG HAS
APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT EG'S INABILITY HARVEST COCOA CROP
(REFTEL A) AND INFLUX OF SEVERAL THOUSAND UNEMPLOYED INTO
SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA LESSER PROBLEMS THAN NEED TO EVACUATE CONTRACT
NIGERIANS. AGAINST THIS BACKDROP AND CONTINUED PRESS RAILING
AT GOEG, IN SOME CASES CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL THAT GOVERNMENT'S
OFFICIALS FROM NIGERIA, LOCAL GOEG REPRESENTATIVES TRYING
MANFULLY SHOW THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS ADHERED TO LETTER OF
TREATY.
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